

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, IR

SUBJECT: NEW IRAN - CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

REF: TEHRAN 5077

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS FROM CONSORTIUM CONSISTING OF SIX VOLUMES: PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RELATED ANNEXES, SERVICE CONTRACT, PROCESSING AGREEMENT FOR ABADAN AND BANDAR MAH SHAHR (NGL),

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON TRANSFERS, AND VOLUME OF RELATED MEMORANDA AND LETTERS. THESE PAPERS EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND INTERESTING, AND APPEAR TO BE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE RECORD OF NEW OIL AGREEMENT. COPY OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTER (APPARENTLY FROM ARAMCO TO SAG) ON PRIVE OF ARABIAN LIGHT (BASIS FOR OTHER PERSIAN GULF CRUDE PRICING) WAS NOT INCLUDED. THIS LETTER WAS PROVIDED BY CONSORTIUM AT GOI REQUEST AND IS REFERRED TO ON PAGE 7 OF VOLUME OF RELATED MEMORANDA AND LETTERS.

2. WE STILL NEED COPY OF HEADS OF AGREEMENT AND RELATED SIDE LETTER. WE CONSIDER THESE PAPERS VITAL: (A) AS PART OF LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF AGREEMENT; (B) AS POLICY DOCUMENTS IN LAY LANGUAGE AGREED TO BY HIGHEST LEVEL OFFICIALS OF GOI AND CONSORTIUM; AND (C) BECAUSE LEGALESE OF SEVERAL SECTIONS OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT IS ALMOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE. WE HAVE NOT ASKED THE CONSORTIUM FOR THESE DOCUMENTS BECAUSE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE SPECIFIC PERMISSION MEMBER COMPANIES (TEHRAN 3720), BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S FORWARDING COPIES HEADS OF AGREEMENT AND ITS SIDE LETTERS NOTED STATE CONFIDENTIAL

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141508 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE APPRECIATE AND WILL PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY THESE PAPERS WHICH WE CONSIDER INDISPENSABLE BACKGROUND FOR FULL UNDERSTANDING OF OIL ISSUES IN IRAN.  
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